

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

The following news items are from Cornish exchanges:

While crossing the street outside her home at Southgate-street, Redruth, on Sept. 2nd, Mrs. Mary Hobler was knocked down by a passing motor cycle and sustained a fractured thigh. She was removed to the Women's Hospital. Death took place at 12:30 on Sunday night.

The inquest was held on Tuesday by Mr. H. H. Dobell, deputy coroner.

A young man named Rowe, residing with his father at Plainangwary, Redruth, met with a serious accident at East Pool Mine on Wednesday afternoon. He was engaged underground fastening a pulley to a crook and missing his footing he fell a distance of about 10 fathoms. Dr. Stockey of Pool, was sent for, and found him suffering from slight concussion of the brain and injuries to the back. He ordered his removal to Redruth Miners' Hospital, where he was taken in the ambulance by Privates Lanyon and Eberlyman, of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, of Redruth.

At Penponds Saturday, Redruth beat Camborne Students by 5 wickets (15 points) to nil.

In spite of the dirty weather there was a good attendance. The ground was very soft, and with a heavy ball there was no possibility of either side giving a good exhibition. The teams were as follows:

Redruth—Smith; Quillen, B. Smith, Trevarthen, Solomon; Gent, Martin, Rich, Gray, Jackett, Williams, Prisk, Beard, Baines, Uren.

Students—Richard; Morgan, Warren, Godden, Robinson, Currow, Cotter, Whitehead, Blaney, Furnell, Partridge, Huddy, Faton, Armfelt, Ferguson.

Referee: Mr. Osberg (Palmouth).

Below we give averages for the past season of the Camborne club.

The 1st XI record is:—Played 19 matches, won 12, lost 5 drawn 2. There were 7 matches abandoned through rain, which are not of course included in this record. The League record is:—Played 12, won 7, lost 2, abandoned 3; points 17. The Club scored 2,649 runs for the loss of 180 wickets, average 15 per wicket, as against 1,737 for 157 wickets, by their opponents, or an average of nine per wicket.

R. J. Holman and Pendray showed capital all round form, and head both batting and bowling averages. There were many good performances by the side, with fielding, perhaps the weakest point. In this direction, Escott and Pendray each secured 9 catches. Gardener 6, Phillips 5, Holman, Macray and Cave 4 each, and Godden, Hubbs, Airth, Robinson, Ogle, Chandler, May, Uren and R. G. Mills 3 each. The sides highest score was 297 v. St. Just, and the highest against was by Truro 157. The best individual innings was by Pendray of 104 v. Redruth. The averages byes per innings were 6.

At Newport on Thursday the South Africans had to admit defeat, Newport club defeating them by a placed goal and a dropped goal to a try.

Excellent weather favoured this contest. The ground was in capital condition and a crowd of 20,000 people gathered to witness the contest. On the general run of the game the South Africans were perhaps unlucky to lose, for they more than held their own in the opening half, and for quite half an hour after crossing over had practically all the play. Indeed, although one point in arrears during a prolonged spell of pressure on home quarters, the Colonials appeared certain to win, delivering attack after attack in great style, and repeatedly getting almost on to Newport's line. Everyone was considering how long the excellent club defense would hold out, when, five minutes before the close there came a break away. J. Wetter picked up, ran, and punted over Melotte's head. Even in these circumstances, the South Africans should have prevented a try; two or three of their men being nearer the ball than Birt. The Colonials, however, appeared to take matters rather casually, and the ball rolling away, Birt scored, the same player converting.

At Bodmin on Tuesday, before Sir Thomas Townsend Pucknill.

The judge passed sentences on Thomas Rowe, found guilty on a charge of criminal assault on Myrtle Annie Barrett, aged 18, at St. Austell, on August 10th; James Henry Champion, found guilty of aiding and abetting him, and Alfred Cardenham Husband, guilty of attempting the offense.

His Lordship said in his opinion, there was a state of things existing in a part of St. Austell which should be eradicated with the greatest vigor. It was a disgrace to the town, and the evil must be rooted out. It was necessary that those who were convicted should be so punished as to deter others. It was within his power to give Rowe and Champion penal servitude for life. St. Austell and the country should know what justice thought of such conduct as watching men and women who went for walks for innocent purposes with the idea of trying to blackmail them. Champion and Rowe would each go to penal servitude for five years, and Husband to eighteen months' hard labour.

Edith Williams, grocer, Fore-street, Redruth, aged 47, has met her death under tragic circumstances. Mr. Williams, who of was a very quiet disposition, lodged with Mr. P. Clotworthy, of Claremont-road. Thursday was early closing day, and in the afternoon he left the house, his intention being, as he said, to go for a walk. Later he was seen going in the direction of Portreath. From that time Mr. Clotworthy heard nothing of him

until he went to Portreath on the following afternoon to identify his body, which had been washed up on the beach. No apprehension was felt on Thursday evening at Mr. Williams not having arrived when the remainder of the household retired, but when it was found on the following morning that he had not returned, some anxiety was expressed. It was thought that possibly he might have gone to his shop and there been taken ill, and consequently Mr. Clotworthy, with P. C. Symons, entered the premises, without, however, finding any trace of him. About mid-day information reached the town that the body of a man, answering Mr. Williams' description, had washed ashore at Portreath, and Mr. Clotworthy subsequently identified the remains.

At ten a. m. the body was found washed up on the western side of Portreath by a man named Coad. It was brought ashore, and it was found that the head was injured. One of the legs, too, had a torn wound. The remains were removed by P. C. Phillips to the bathhouse at Portreath to await the inquest.

Mr. Williams appears to have been in his usual health on Thursday.

Mr. Charles Henry Stevens, of Worplesdon, Wimbledon, who claims to have discovered a cure for consumption, was further cross-examined on Monday in the libel action he has brought against the British Medical Association.

A testotal and non-smoking gold miner named Langford, who has spent six years in the South African mines but subsequently settled down in Cornwall, wrote to Mr. Stevens, and he was offered a month's course of treatment for £2 10s, or three months' if £7 were paid in advance.

"If you cure me," wrote the miner, "I will guarantee to pay you double your fee, viz., £14."

These terms did not appeal to Mr. Stevens, who pointed out that his remedy was not in an experimental stage. "And with the three months' course," he added, "I do not guarantee to cure, but only to return your money."

Mr. Holman Gregory: are you suggesting that you can increase your chest expansion by taking physic?—This physic, yes.

Is it your idea that miners' phthisis can be cured by simply getting rid of the rock dust?—Decidedly. That's all if your chest expansion has not increased at least an inch.

"Don't you know that miners' phthisis is a stage beyond that—that the dust gets into the lungs, sets up inflammation which weakens the lungs, and that then the tubercula come?"—Nothing of the sort. It shows you know nothing about it. There is no inflammation and no tubercula. If you took a man's lungs after he had died of this disease, and dropped them on the floor, they would sound like a stone.

"They would be as hard as this board," added Mr. Stevens rapping the oak ledge of the witness box.

Continuing the story of the miner, counsel said he was living at a little village on the Northern coast of Cornwall. From time to time the man wrote saying he was getting worse instead of better, and Mr. Stevens regretted that he could not see him. But the miner's weakness was all against a trip to down and eventually he died. Asked the cause of death, plaintiff

wondered how he could say that when he did not see the man die.

"But have you any doubt that the medical certificate is to be relied upon?" asked counsel.

Mr. Stevens restored. Doctors often make mistakes, they have been known to do so before now."

After Mr. Langford's death a friend wrote criticizing the treatment and adding, "If he had listened to his friends he would not have spent a penny in your treatment. He now lies in Scourier cemetery; do you call a grave a successful termination to a medical treatment?"

"It was not a cure in that case," observed Mr. Gregory.

"And I never guaranteed a cure," was the reply.

Then are there cases of miners' phthisis you cannot cure?—Certainly; there are many cases with only a few days to live.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Paul Armstrong's new play, "The Escapes," made a favorable impression on its initial presentation in Los Angeles. The piece will be taken to New York soon.

Mabel Taliaferro has quit vaudeville once more, and is to head her own company about the holidays. She will appear in a piece by Richard Walton fully, entitled "The Poor Little Rich Girl."

In "The Drums of Oude," which David Belasco is personally producing in vaudeville, the characters are English and Hindu, and for the former only English players have been engaged, while native Hindus fill the other roles.

Charles Klein is now at work on a new play, the title of which has not yet been chosen, but which deals with social conditions of today. It will be ready by March or April, and may see the light under the auspices of the Authors' Producing Company.

Among the plays accepted from abroad by Charles Frohman for eventual production in this country is the newest Hubert Henry Davies comedy, entitled "Doormats." Mr. Davies is the author of "Cousin Kate" and "The Mollusc." Doormats are simply those people in life who take a joy in letting others walk over them and even wipe their feet on them.

A course in penal studies was recently instituted by the University of Montpellier, France. Physicians, publicists, lawyers, police and court officials were among those who enrolled for the course.

Prof. Wood of the school of agriculture in the University of Cambridge has made numerous experiments with the so-called graham and entire wheat breads and given it as his opinion that loaves of white bread are more palatable and better liked with body building elements than can be assimilated than the various brown and graham breads.

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